

MEROPIS BAY

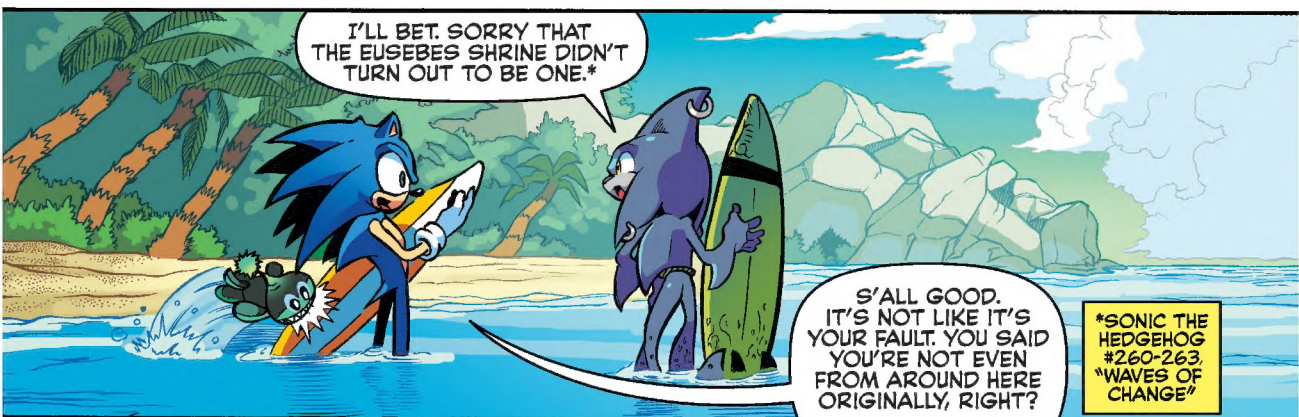
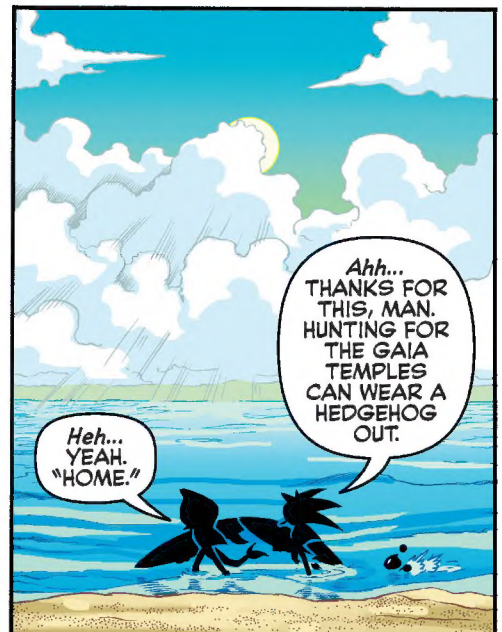
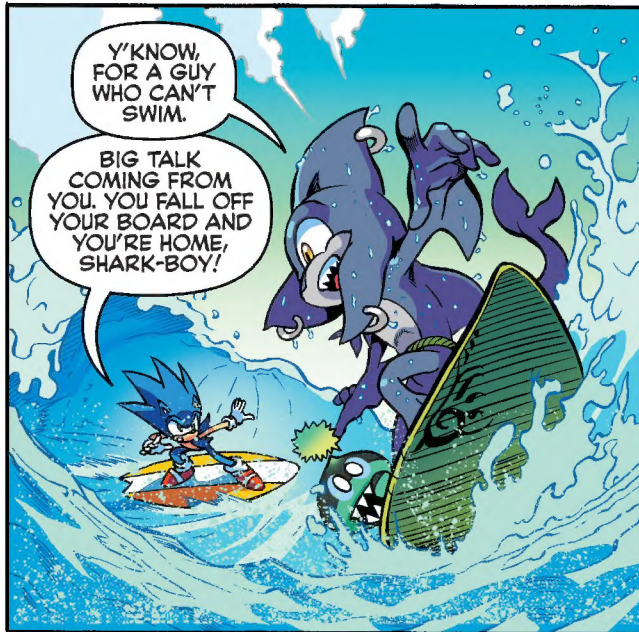
SONIC
COMIC
ORIGINS

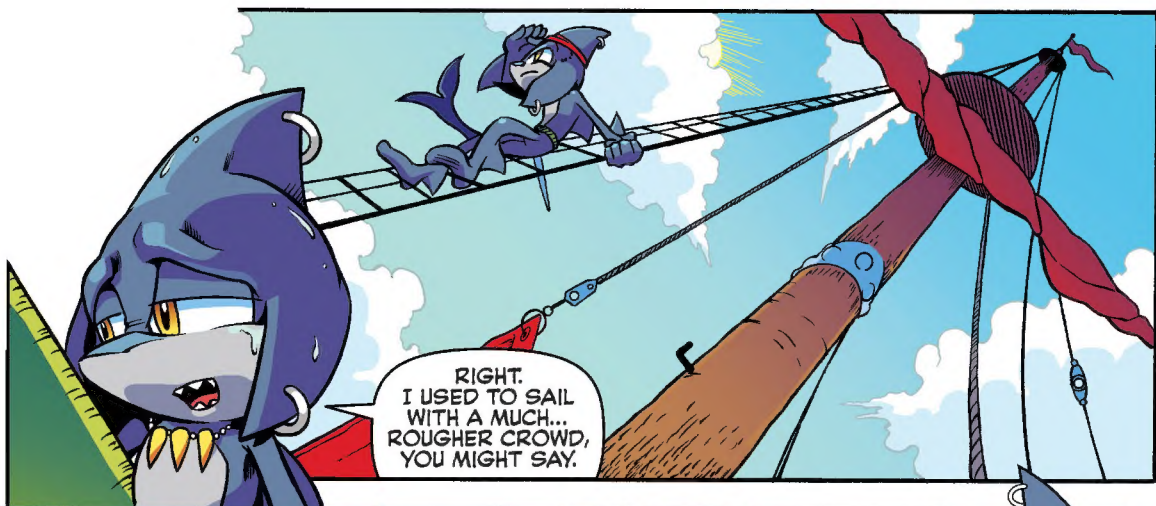
CASTAWAY

WOO-HOO!

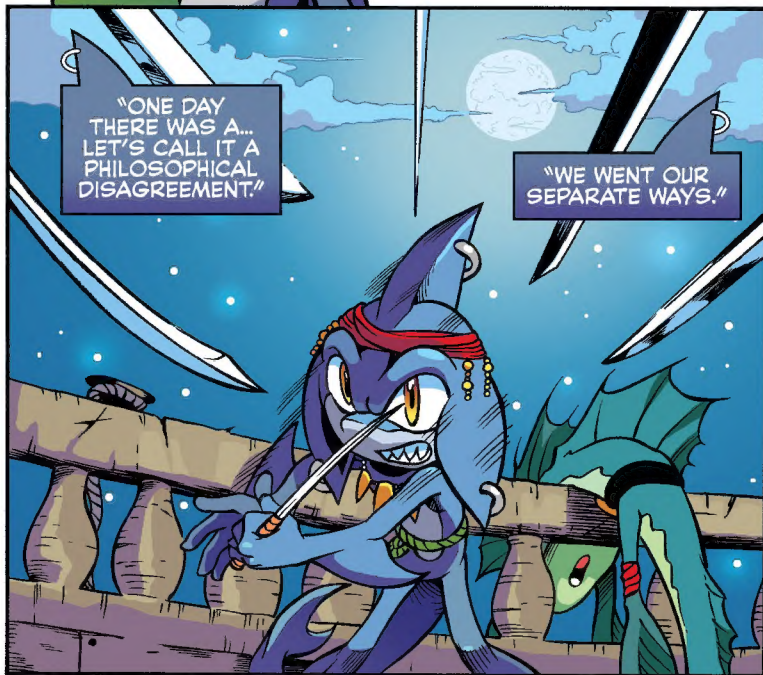
NICE
MOVES!

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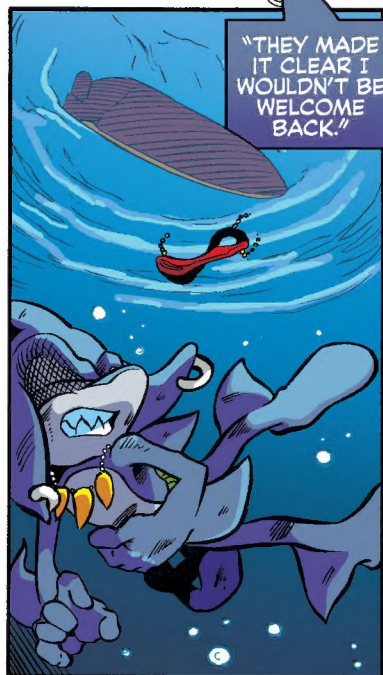


RIGHT.
I USED TO SAIL
WITH A MUCH...
ROUGHER CROWD,
YOU MIGHT SAY.



"ONE DAY
THERE WAS A...
LET'S CALL IT A
PHILOSOPHICAL
DISAGREEMENT."

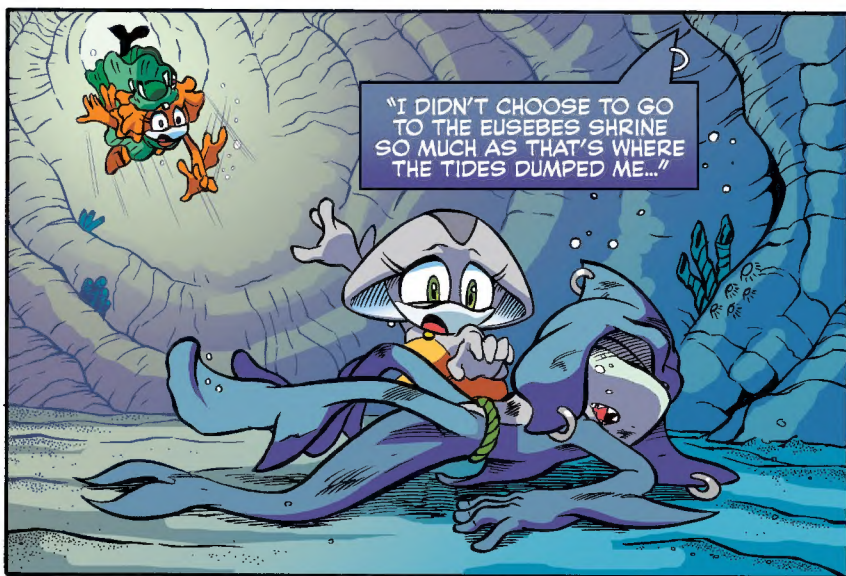
"WE WENT OUR
SEPARATE WAYS."



"THEY MADE
IT CLEAR I
WOULDN'T BE
WELCOME
BACK."



"THERE'S SOME NICE
CITIES IN THE OCEAN,
SOME QUAIN'T LITTLE
PLACES TOO.
BUT THERE'S ALSO
A WHOLE LOT OF
NOTHING--AND IT'S
ROUGH TRYING TO
SURVIVE IT ON
YOUR OWN."



"I DIDN'T CHOOSE TO GO
TO THE EUSEBES SHRINE
SO MUCH AS THAT'S WHERE
THE TIDES DUMPED ME..."



"CORAL TOOK ME IN.
HEALED ME, FED ME,
GOT ME BACK ON
MY FEET."

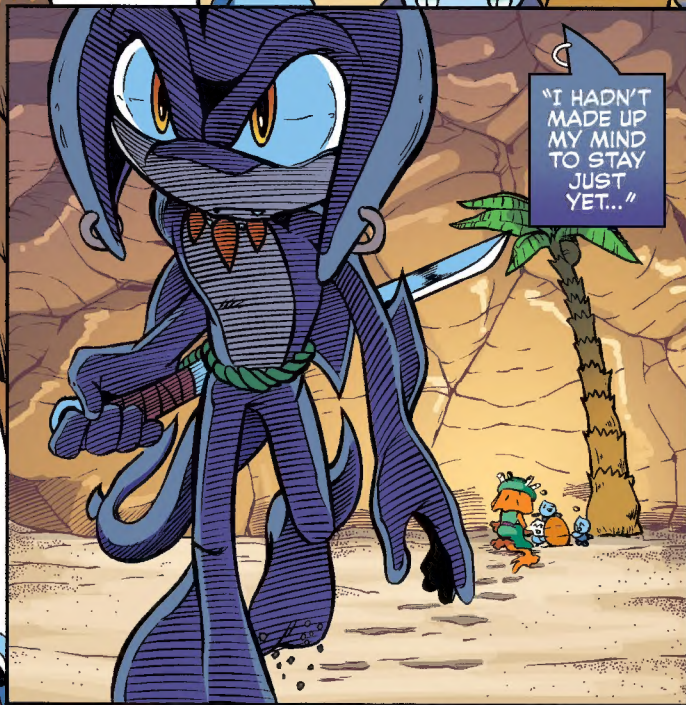


"IT DIDN'T TAKE
ME LONG TO
REALIZE SHE WAS
ABOUT AS ALONE
IN THE WORLD AS
I WAS..."

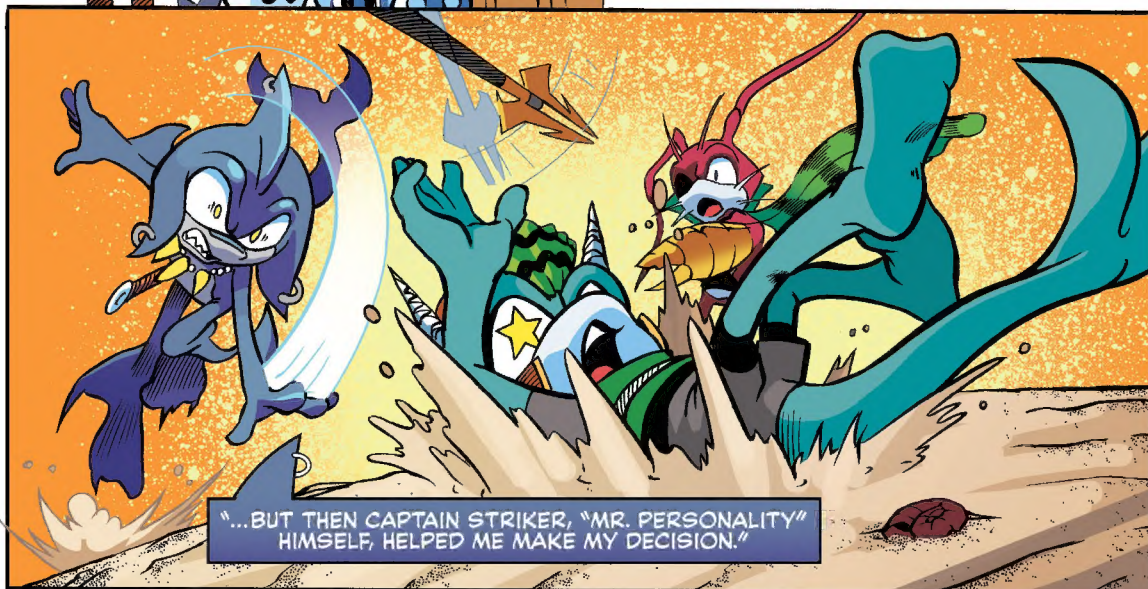
YO, IS IT
JUST YOU,
THE KID AND
THESE CHAO?
ISN'T THERE A
WHOLE CITY
NEARBY?

YES, THAT'S MEROPIS.
THEY... THERE WAS SOME FUSS
WHEN I WAS CHOSEN TO BE THE
TEMPLE PRIESTESS OVER
PRINCESS UNDINA.

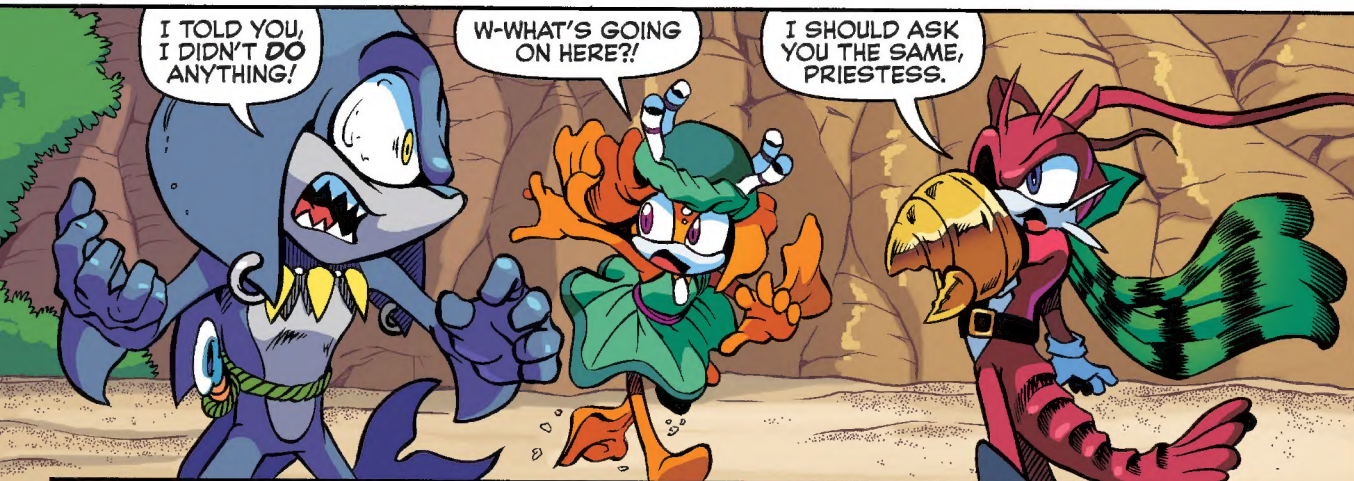
I DON'T GET
MANY VISITORS...
B-BUT IT'S ALRIGHT!
IT GIVES ME MORE
TIME TO FOCUS ON
MY DUTIES...



"I HADN'T
MADE UP
MY MIND
TO STAY
JUST
YET..."



"...BUT THEN CAPTAIN STRIKER, "MR. PERSONALITY"
HIMSELF, HELPED ME MAKE MY DECISION."



I TOLD YOU,
I DIDN'T DO
ANYTHING!

W-WHAT'S GOING
ON HERE?!

I SHOULD ASK
YOU THE SAME,
PRIESTESS.



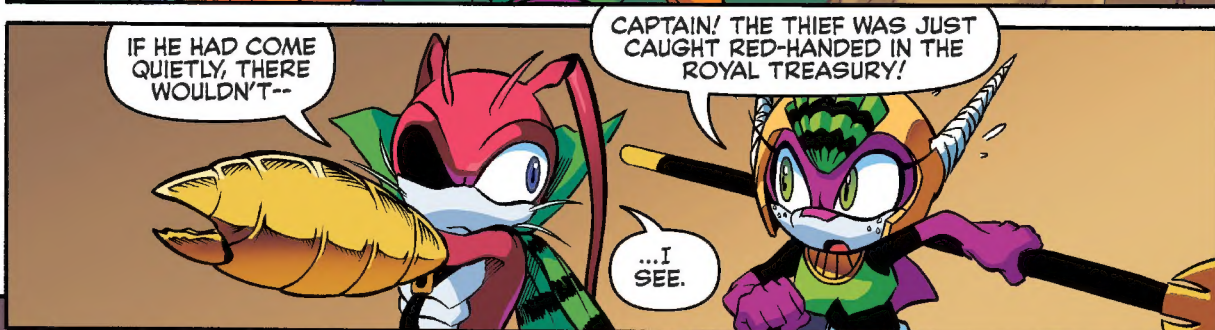
THERE'S BEEN A STRING OF ROBBERIES LATELY.
NEXT THING I HEAR IS YOU'RE HOUSING SOME
VAGRANT. HE'S COMING WITH ME FOR
QUESTIONING.



I DIDN'T--!

YOU'VE MADE A MISTAKE! RAZOR HAS
BEEN HERE THE ENTIRE TIME--AND I **KNOW**
HE WOULDN'T DO SUCH A THING!

**YOU'RE
THE ONE
BRINGING
VIOLENCE
TO THESE
SACRED
SANDS!**



IF HE HAD COME
QUIETLY, THERE
WOULDN'T--

CAPTAIN! THE THIEF WAS JUST
CAUGHT RED-HANDED IN THE
ROYAL TREASURY!

...I
SEE.



"CORAL HAD SAVED
ME TWICE IN A WEEK."

"THAT'S WHEN I DECIDED I'D SETTLE AT
THE SHRINE AND WATCH HER BACK,
SINCE I KNEW SHE'D ALWAYS HAVE MINE."

